



APUS Assembly Meeting #1

June 26, 2019

5:30 pm

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Toronto, ON**



Assembly Meeting #1 Agenda

June 26, 2019

5:30 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION Moved: Kearns Seconded: Coggon

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

3. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION Moved: Froom Seconded: Pyne

Be it resolved that the minutes' package be approved as presented.

- a. Assembly Meeting #3a – February 8, 2019
- b. Assembly Meeting #3b – March 9, 2019
- c. Assembly Meeting #4a – March 15, 2019
- d. Assembly Meeting #4b – April 5, 2019

4. About APUS and Role of APUS Assembly

5. Presentation on APUS Fees and Student Choice Initiative

6. Executive Updates

7. Adjournment



MINUTES PACKAGE

a) Assembly Meeting #3a – February 8, 2019

In attendance: Mala Kashyap (on phone), Susan Froom, Jaime Kearns, Jennifer Coggon,
Christine Cullen, Richie Pyne
Staff: Caitlin Campisi
Speaker: Nadia Kanani

1. Call to order

The meeting is called to order at 6:00pm. The Speaker states that we do not have quorum and we are adjourned until March 8 at 5:30pm.

2. Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned until March 8 at 5:30pm.



b) Assembly Meeting #3b – March 8, 2019
(adjourned from February 8, 2019)

In attendance: Jaime Kearns, Susan Froom, Jennifer Coggon, Richie Pyne, Mala Kashyap,
Christine Cullen, Gaja Sanmugaratnam
Staff: Caitlin Campisi
Speaker: Nadia Kanani

1. Call to order

The meeting is called to order at 5:48pm.

Everyone introduces themselves and states their access needs.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION Moved: Kashyap Seconded: Kearns

Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as presented.

Vote carries.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION Moved: Coggon Seconded: Pyne

Be it resolved that the minutes' package be approved as presented.

- a. Assembly Meeting #2a – October 26, 2018
- b. Assembly Meeting #2b – November 23, 2018

Vote carries.

4. About APUS and role of APUS Assembly

Pyne states that APUS is the Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students of the University of Toronto, Local 97 of the Canadian Federation of Students. He states that we are a part-time student union with a tri-campus mandate. He states that the definition of part-time at St George is 2.5 credits or less. He states that our mandate includes services, events and campaigns. Our services include the health and dental plan, free tax clinics, and scholarships and bursaries. He states that for over 50 years, since 1968, we have been fighting for part-time students and our rights, including evening classes and evening hours for services.

Pyne states that APUS is unique in that we have this space, the Assembly, that is not the Board of Directors. He states that a lot of important things like bylaws and budget also come to the Assembly. He states that all part-time students are only one form away from a general member to the Assembly and that's accessible and great. He states that the Assembly has a lot of power.



5. Discussion on Cuts to Post-Secondary Education

Kearns speaks about the recent cuts to post-secondary education. She states that cuts to OSAP will mean less grants and more loans and the elimination of 6 month grace period following graduation. She states that there will also be cuts to ancillary fees. The University has been instructed to classify some fees as essential and others as non-essential. The non-essential fees would be opt-in in practice, opt-out in name. Our APUS fees may be non-essential but our health and dental will be essential. Athletics fees will be essential but the food bank, for example, will be non-essential. Many student services such as First Nations House and the food bank are being threatened. A lot of groups and organizations on campus that are funded through students are being threatened as well. We offer bursary programs and those may be non-essential and at this point we are not sure what we are going to be able to do next year.

Based on feedback from the Board and the membership, we had an OVPS (Office of the Vice-Provost Students) meeting and we told them that they should just say no to the cuts. We have now started our Tell Them No campaign. Students and student groups can sign on to the Open Letter that we have written and are promoting. There is a QR code that takes you directly to the Open Letter.

Sanmugaratnam asks when the cuts will be taking place. Kearns states that they will come into effect in September 2019 for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Kearns states that we also have a We the Students campaign petition from CFS-Ontario folks can sign. On Wednesday March 20 at 12pm there will be a student walkout across the province. We are currently planning what the walkout on the St George campus will look like. It may include a rally. We are still trying to fight the cuts and will continue to.

From states that with combination of so-called cuts to tuition combined with the cuts to OSAP means that low-income students will lose out and students from wealthy families will win. She states that it is also worth noting that U of T is also facing some financial hardships next year including to their budget, which could lead to hiring freezes, larger classes, loss of student services, less faculty hiring. From states that to add to the bad news, it will also be the case that students going into second-entry programs will no longer be eligible for more than 50% grants, and the rest will be 50% loans. She states that this will lead to more debt for marginalized students. This has not yet come into effect but we are anticipating it to be passed in April.

Kashyap states that campus radio stations are approaching the government directly to make their fees mandatory.

Cullen says that all the cuts are very unfair to students.

From states that we have managed to get the province to change things in our favour in the past. She states that it's not impossible and it's worth a shot. She cites the campaign around flat fees for part-time students as an example. She states that it will be hard but we will fight the cuts.



6. APUS Operating Budget 2018-2019

MOTION Moved: Froom Seconded: Kearns

Be it resolved that the APUS Operating Budget 2018-2019 as approved by the APUS Board of Directors be adopted as presented.

DISCUSSION

Froom states that the Operating Budget was sent out in advance in the Assembly package. She states that the Preliminary Budget was approved in August by the Board and sent to the Assembly. She states that the Operating Budget was approved by Board in November and is now coming to the Assembly for confirmation. She highlights what has changed since the Preliminary Budget to the Operating Budget. She states that we had slightly higher revenue in the summer. She notes we tend to conservatively estimate our fees. She states that OPIRG and CFS-O fees are straight in and out and do not count towards our operating revenue. She states that we spent more on scholarships and bursaries with our extra revenue, and we also increased our campaigns and special projects budget lines. She states that our salaries and wages went up a small amount due to a new collective agreement. Our fiscal year ends on April 30 and we will bring a Revised Operating Budget back for approval then.

Vote carries.

7. APUS Bylaw Amendments

MOTION Moved: Froom Seconded: Pyne

Be it resolved that the APUS bylaws as approved by the Board of Directors on December 10, 2018 be adopted as presented.

DISCUSSION

Froom states that a Bylaw Committee of our Board that was struck to clean up our bylaws, bring them in line with current practices, and suggest improvements. The Bylaw amendments have been approved by the Board, are now being presented to the Assembly, and then they will be sent to the membership at the AGM. They are legally in place right now as they have been approved by the Board. Froom highlights each of the Bylaw amendments. Amendment 1 is to bring our fee in line with changes to U of T ancillary fees for students over 65. Amendment 2 and 3 are renumbering. Amendment 4 speaks to our Board of Directors and ex-officio members. Amendment 5 is replacing the word shall with may to bring things in line with current practice. Amendment 6, 7, and 8 are all dealing with titles to ex-officio directors. They still have seats on the Board and speaking rights so this does not make a substantive change to our Board composition. Amendment 9 allows our former student information clerks to serve on the Assembly and the Board. Amendment 10 is to correct a typo. Amendment 11 and 12 are renumbering. Amendment 13 has to do with the timing of the Operating Budget so that we will be presenting a budget with a more clear idea of our revenues in February rather than November. Amendment 14 is another typo. Amendment 15 and 16 was in essence a typo that spoke to Executive Committee rather than the Board.

Pyne states that he is in favour of the bylaw amendments.



Coggon asks where members can find the Bylaws. Campisi states that the Bylaws are on our website, and the amendments are available on our website, in the AGM package and in hard copy in both offices.

Vote carries.

8. Review of APUS Board Election Procedures

Campisi goes over the Board of Director election procedures. Kanani states that she can answer questions about procedure as well. Kashyap asks about verification of candidates. Kanani states that she will verify the nomination forms and confirm with each candidate.

9. Executive Updates

MOTION Moved: Cullen Seconded: Froom

BIRT the Assembly accept the Executive Reports as presented.

DISCUSSION

Kashyap states that she is the outgoing President and that the transition took place on February 28. She is welcoming our new President Kearns. Kashyap states that she attended the Hart House Board of Steward meeting, the last two COSS (Council on Student Services) meetings as an observer. She was President for three terms, and it was a robust, rigorous and joyful experience.

Everyone thanks Kashyap for her last report.

Froom states she went to the usual APUS Executive, management and finance meetings. She met with the Vice Provost Students together with Kearns, and UTGSU, SCSU and UTMSU representatives regarding saying no to the cuts to post-secondary education. She did outreach at our weekly APUS events. She attended CFS-Ontario Lobby Week, and was heartened by meetings with NDP and Liberal MPPs and even some PC backbenchers.

Kearns states that she attended our weekly Cupcakes and Chill events. She states that we co-hosted a Letter Writing Party with Students for Barrier Free Access which was fun. She attended the joint OVPS meeting. She attended Federal Lobby Week in Ottawa, where she met with 8 MPs. Asks include federal oversight into post-secondary education, the elimination of the 2% cap for PSSSP (Post-Secondary Student Support Program) for Indigenous students, and asks around the copy right act. She also participated in provincial lobby week, and met with MPPs from the Liberal, NDP and Conservative parties. Asks include the elimination of tuition fees, reverting to old OSAP grant portions, and protecting students' right to organize, data collection for Indigenous student success, and reinstating the French language university. She also did a lot of outreach on the Tell Them No campaign.

Pyne states that Cupcakes and Chill is really popular and happening forever. He states that he attended one of the sexual violence policy consultations that we organized. He states that our Midwinters Night Chill event was postponed due to a snow day. He



states that he attended all of the COSS meetings, including the budget vote, and the KPE, Hart House and Student Life presentations. He states that he has done some class talks which he will continue doing.

Coggon states that she has been helping to organize the student-led sexual violence policy consultations and they have been going well. We have organized three consultations, and there is one coming up at UTSC. She states that we are getting good feedback and are putting together a report that will go to the administration. We hope this report will inform their own review of the Policy. She states that she has been facilitating donation requests. She has also drafted a letter in support of VUSAC's Renaming Ryerson campaign. She states that she also attended our Letter Writing Party with Students for Barrier Free Access. She states that she also attended a rally to restore the Indigenous culture fund. She states that she has also been attending COSS meetings.

Vote carries.

10. Adjournment

MOTION Moved: Kashyap Seconded: Cullen

The meeting is adjourned at 6:52pm.

c) Assembly Meeting #4a – March 15, 2019

In attendance: Jaime Kearns, Jennifer Coggon (on phone), Mala Kashyap, Susan Froom, Christine Cullen, Richie Pyne, Sam Xu, Gaja Sanmugaratnam
Staff: Caitlin Campisi
Speaker: Nadia Kanani

1. Call to order

The meeting is called to order at 6:29pm. The Speaker states that we do not have quorum and we are adjourned until April 5 at 6:00pm.

2. Review of Election Procedures and Robert's Rules

Campisi provides a review of the election procedures. She reviews the associated Bylaws and the election guidelines.

3. APUS Board of Directors' Elections 2019-2020

Kanani states that she has received six completed nominations. She states that she will be extending the nomination period until April 5 at 6:00pm. She states that folks can ask any questions that they have about the elections.

4. Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned until April 5 at 6:00pm.



d) Assembly Meeting #4b – April 5, 2019
(adjourned from March 15, 2019)

In attendance: Jaime Kearns, Susan Froom, Jennifer Coggon, Richie Pyne, Mala Kashyap,
Christine Cullen
Staff: Caitlin Campisi
Speaker: Nadia Kanani

1. Call to order

The meeting is called to order at 6:27pm.

2. Review of Election Procedures and Robert's Rules

Campisi reviews the election procedures.

Pyne asks regarding a motion to ratify results. Campisi states that a motion to ratify the results can be moved after the election.

Kashyap asks regarding the at-large representatives versus the constituency representatives. Campisi states nominations have been submitted for particular constituency on the nomination forms.

3. APUS Board of Directors' Elections 2019-2020

a. Woodsworth

MOTION

Moved: Froom

Seconded: Pyne

Be it resolved that Jennifer Coggon and Mala Kashyap be appointed Woodsworth Director.

DISCUSSION

Kanani states she has received two nominations for Woodsworth Director, Mala Kashyap and Jennifer Coggon.

Coggon states that she is a fourth year student in the History and Philosophy of Science. She has been a Woodsworth student for many years. She has been a Class rep, then Board member, and then this year she has been on the Executive as Vice-President Equity. She has learned so much working on the APUS the team. As a Board member, she has learned a lot about the processes involved in governance. She would like to continue learning and asks folks to vote for her.

Kashyap states that folks know her and she's not ready to leave just yet. She states that she would like to be on the Board next year. She is planning to finish her degree at the end of June and graduate in November. She is currently a part time student and is very willing and able to be on the Board for next year.

Kanani asks if there are any questions.



There are no questions.

Cullen is appointed scrutineer.

Vote carries.

b. Innis, New, St. Michael, Trinity, University and Victoria College

MOTION Moved: Froom Seconded: Pyne

Be it resolved that Jaime Kearns and Susan Froom be appointed as Directors from Innis, New, St. Michael, Trinity, University and Victoria Colleges.

DISCUSSION

Kanani states that she has received four nominations for non-Woodsworth Director, Sam Xu, Susan Froom, Jaime Kearns and Christine Cullen.

Cullen states that APUS is really important and she thinks it's wonderful how we all connect. She loves how APUS challenges the dominant system at U of T. She states that it is difficult and challenging with what is currently happening with Doug Ford but if we work together and keep at it we will be able to fight.

Froom states she has served on both the Executive and the Board for a number of years. She states that the many bodies and committees that she has served on over the years are in the APUS records.

Kearns states that she got involved with APUS last year and she enjoyed her time here fighting for students. She has appreciated being able to do that work for students and she would like to do it again.

Kanani reads Xu's speech. He states that he was at the last Annual General Meeting and got the chance to mingle with a group of lovely people. He states that he is a student at St. Mike's College and would like to be a friendly neighborhood voice for part-time students. He states that he has Customer service experience and Toastmasters experience. He would like to get involved in APUS as a member of the Board.

Kanani asks if there are any questions.

There are no questions.

Coggon is appointed scrutineer.

Vote carries.

c. University of Toronto Mississauga

MOTION Moved: Froom Seconded: Pyne

Be it resolved that Richie Pyne be appointed University of Toronto Mississauga Director.



DISCUSSION

Kanani states that she has received one nomination for University of Toronto Mississauga Director, Richie Pyne.

Pyne declines to give a speech.

Kearns is appointed scrutineer.

Vote carries.

d. University of Toronto Scarborough

Kanani states that she has not received any nominations for this position.

e. At-Large

MOTION

Moved: Froom

Seconded: Pyne

Be it resolved that Christine Cullen and Sam Xu be appointed At-Large Directors.

DISCUSSION

Kanani states that there are two candidates for At-Large Directors, Christine Cullen and Sam Xu.

Vote carries.

f. Motion to destroy the ballots

MOTION

Moved: Coggon

Seconded: Kashyap

Vote carries.

4. Adjournment

MOTION

Moved: Kashyap

Seconded: Kearns

The meeting is adjourned at 7:20pm.

Vote carries.